International Congress.

Trans-Atlantic Rates.

For the information of our foreign brothers who propose to attend the meeting of the International Medical Congress, which takes place in Washington, D. C., on the 5th of September next, the following rates of travel across the Atlantic Ocean have been submitted and recommended for their acceptance:

Inman Line—$100, Liverpool-New York and return.
Hamburg Line—$90, Hamburg-New York and return.
Royal Netherland—$80, Antwerp-New York and return.

The committee have proposed that each delegate shall have the privilege of bringing with him, at the same rate of expense, two lady members of his family, and believe that this proposal will be accepted by those lines selected. Steps have also been taken to ascertain, at each of the four ports, Havre, Liverpool, Antwerp and Hamburg, the exact number of persons who will embark at these ports entitled to this reduction of rates. All further information on this subject will be promptly published in The Journal of the American Medical Association.

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Miscellaneous.

Women Doctors for India.—The London Graphic says: Lady Dufferin appeals to the women of England to subscribe what they can to the funds of the National Association for supplying female medical aid to their dusky sisters in the East. It is a most laudable undertaking, very large numbers of women in India being without medical attendance during sickness. They would sooner die than allow a man to see them, and they have, therefore, to trust for their recovery to the old wives’ remedies which are among the traditions of zenana life. Now, however, that education is beginning to invade the sacred precincts of the purdah, the inmates are no longer content to trust their lives to ignorant crones, who are more skilled in distilling poisons and witchcraft than in useful medical lore. The demand, therefore, for women doctors from England is a genuine one, and not one of those philanthropic “fads” which are too often palmed off on the British public. There is another feature, moreover, which should commend the appeal even more to our favor. Rumor says that the number of lady doctors in England is multiplying far more rapidly than are openings for practice. But in the East they have a splendid opportunity before them, in the multitudes of native ladies whose husbands can afford to pay substantial fees. They would be safe, too, from masculine competition, nor would they feel that they were intruding upon a province not belonging to them by right. Indeed, so promising is the enterprise that one can only wonder an exodus of lady doctors bound for the East did not take place long ago. There is one matter, however, in which they must be very careful, to respect native prejudices. It is said that some of them sedulously cultivate masculine manners and appearance, in order to gain the confidence of their patients. This will not do in India; the Asiatic husband is very suspicious, and would probably detect in the supposed female Hakim an enterprising Feringhee bent on making surreptitious love to his many wives behind the purdah.

A Good Resolution.—At the recent annual meeting of the Ohio State Board of Health, Dr. Jones introduced a resolution requiring that every railroad company doing business in Ohio shall carry on its trains an emergency case, which shall contain bandages, cotton, and other things desirable in accidents, and that employees shall be instructed in their use by the surgeon of the road.

Hypnotism and Politics.—While Charcot is electrifying Paris with the results of his hypnotic experiments at the Salpetriere Hospital, Virchow, in Berlin, for the nonce has withdrawn from “The Battle of Cells and Bacteria” and is fighting the battles of his party against the redoubt able Von Moltke.

Dr. Joseph Taber Johnson was elected President of the Medical Society of the District of Columbia at its last annual meeting.

The Code.—The cheap reprint edition of the Code of Ethics of the American Medical Association is now ready. Physicians, or others, wanting single copies should send to the Editor of The Journal three cents in stamps. One hundred copies, $2.00.

St. Louis Medical Society.—The Weekly Medical Review says: In the fifty years’ history of this Society no administration was more successful than that of the president, Dr. E. H. Gregory. It also pays a high compliment to his successor for 1887, Dr. S. Pollak.

Chicago Hospital for Women and Children.—Mrs. George M. Pullman gave an amateur theatrical entertainment at the Pullman residence on Tuesday evening, which netted $1000 for the hospital.

Official List of Changes in the Stations and Duties of Officers Serving in the Medical Department, U. S. Army, from January 25, 1887, to January 26, 1888.

Lieut. Edward R. Morris, Asst. Surgeon, granted leave of absence for one month, to take effect about March 16, 1887, with permission to apply for an extension of twenty days. S. O. 6, Div. Pacific, Jan. 19, 1887.